

Kinsey Scored As Harmful, Unqualified

Dr. John R. Cavanagh, Washington psychiatrist, yesterday blasted the Kinsey report on the human female as "harmful" and opposed to the basic standards of human conduct.

He also challenged Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey's qualifications to write and speak as a sexologist, declaring: "Dr. Kinsey does not confine his conclusions to the field of biology—the only one in which he is qualified."

Speaking at the National Press Club Dr. Cavanagh addressed members of the First Friday Luncheon Club, an organization of men who have made spiritual retreats at Manresa, Md., and other retreat centers.

At the beginning of his talk, Dr. Cavanagh stressed that "it is obvious that every person who deals with the subject of human behavior must, whether he recognizes it or not, possess some kind of attitude in regard to the nature of man," adding that "one must first determine the nature of man before he decides what constitutes a normal man."

Dr. Cavanagh listed these four conclusions which he said he found in Kinsey as "the most objectionable": rejection of the supernatural origin of religion; rejection of a basic moral code; the recommendation of masturbation as a relief for sexual tension, and the recommendation of trial marriage and premarital sex relations.

Dr. Cavanagh asserted that "nowhere in the report are mentioned love or motherhood. These," he said, "are the really important ingredients of a successful marriage."

The speaker was introduced by the Rev. Edward H. Roach, pastor of the Catholic Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Spiritual Moderator of the First Friday Luncheon Club.

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